GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF SALT LAND IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry and its PSUs have taken interest in availability of Salt Land, Mumbai;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas needs salted land for expansion, development and shifting of slums; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural gas to get this land alongwith the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Initially, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) expressed interest t acquire some part of Salt land, Mumbai for their respective oil terminal and facilities. IOCL is, however, no longer interested in the land on commercial considerations. BPCL would have to take a commercial decision, keeping in view that steps have been initiated for disinvestment of BPCL.